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PREVIOUSLY IN *KING SPAWN*

Spawn makes a deadly decision in an attempt to sneak into Hell.

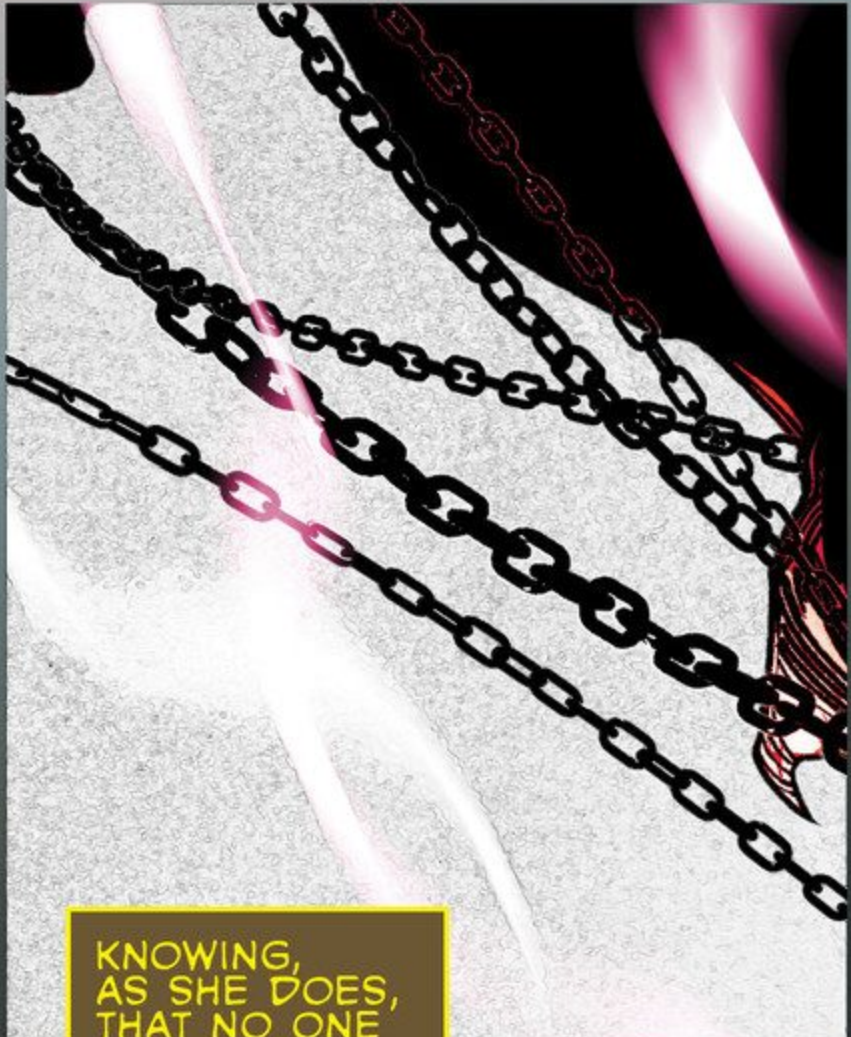


"...AND THERE'S
NO WAY OF EVER
BRINGING YOU
BACK." WHY DID
SHE SAY THAT?

DID THE
'VISAGE'
GAZE INTO
SPAWN'S
FUTURE?



OR WAS
SHE SIMPLY
STATING A
FACT?



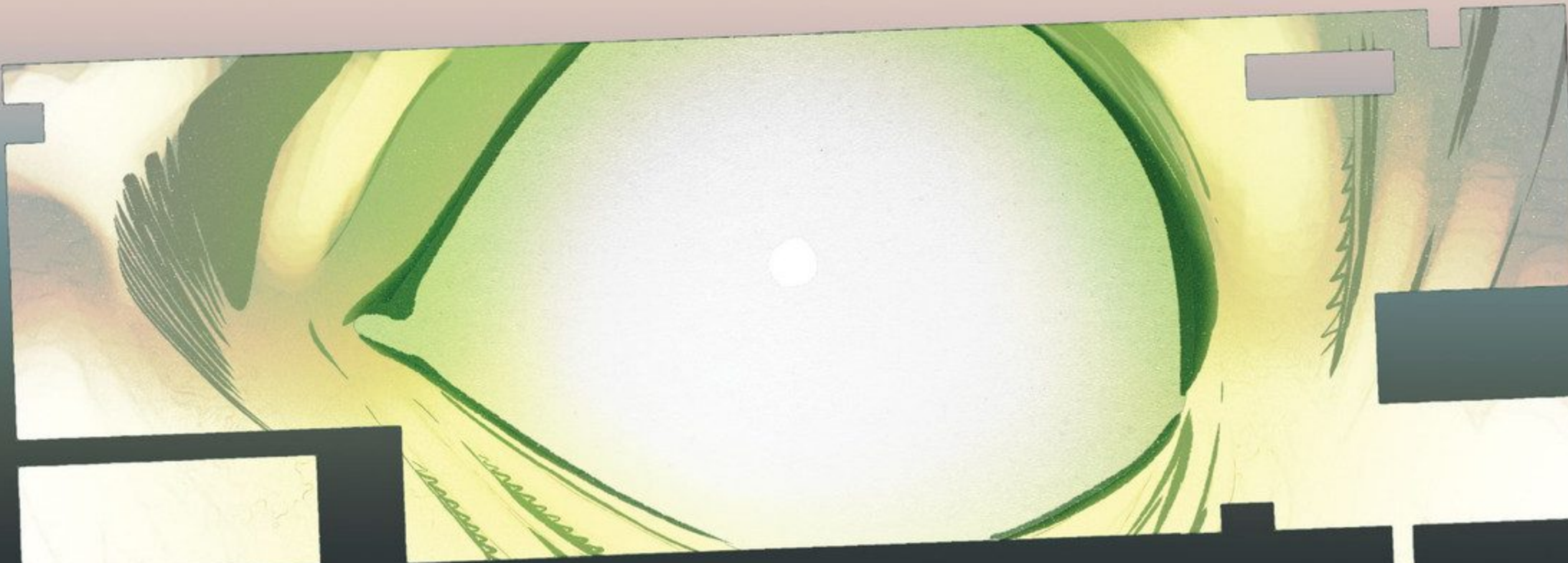
KNOWING,
AS SHE DOES,
THAT NO ONE
HAS EVER
PASSED THE
TEST OF
PURIFICATION.



THOUGH, THOSE
FEW WHO'VE
WITNESSED
THIS PROCESS...



...HAVE
NEVER
CALLED
IT A TEST.



THEY KNOW
IT'S ACTUALLY A
PUNISHMENT!



ONE MEANT TO
INFLECT **DOUBTS**
INTO THE MIND
OF ITS RECIPIENT.

THEN TURNING THOSE
REGRETS INTO A
CONSTANT LOOP
UNTIL THEY REACH A
STATE OF INSANITY.

IT BEGINS WITH AL
SIMMONS ASKING
HIMSELF THE MOST
BASIC QUESTION:
WHY HIM?

OF THE BILLIONS
WALKING THE EARTH
WHY DID HELL
SINGLE HIM OUT?

HE KNOWS
HE HAD A
RAGE INSIDE
HIM FROM A
YOUNG AGE.

A RAGE HIS FATHER
TAUGHT HIM ON A
CONSTANT BASIS.



AND AS THAT RAGE GREW, IT ATTRACTED THE NOTICE OF BOTH THE AUTHORITIES AND THE LAWLESS.

YOU THOUGHT JOINING THE MILITARY WAS YOUR WAY OUT.

INSTEAD YOUR ANGER FLOURISHED. YOU SAW SO MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS KILLED.

OVER AND OVER AND OVER YOU LIVED AT THE SIDE OF DEATH.

AND TO HELP YOU BURY THE **UGLINESS** THAT SURROUNDED YOU, YOU NEEDED TO OFFSET IT BY FINDING A GLIMMER OF **BEAUTY** TO LOVE.



A LOVE YOU
HOPED WOULD
LAST A LIFETIME.

FOR A
TIME, YOU
DID BURY
YOURSELF.

BUT YOUR
TRUE NATURE
COULDN'T
STAY HIDDEN.

IT HAD TO
COME OUT.

WHEN WANDA BEGAN
TO SEE IT, SHE TRIED
EVERYTHING TO PUT
IT BACK IN ITS CAGE.



SHE
COULDN'T.



YOUR FATHER
HAD TAUGHT
YOU TOO WELL.



ALL THOSE
YEARS YOU
WATCHED HIM.



DOING
NOTHING.



TAUGHT YOU
HOW TO BE A
MONSTER, NO
MATTER HOW
MANY TEARS
YOUR MOM
CRIED.



UNTIL SHE GAVE UP
ON YOU EVER
BEING HER SAVIOR.



THAT'S WHY
YOU LEFT
WASN'T IT?



BECAUSE YOU
KNEW -- KNEW
YOU'D *BECOME*
A MONSTER, TOO.



NO MATTER
HOW HARD
YOU TRIED
TO MASK IT.

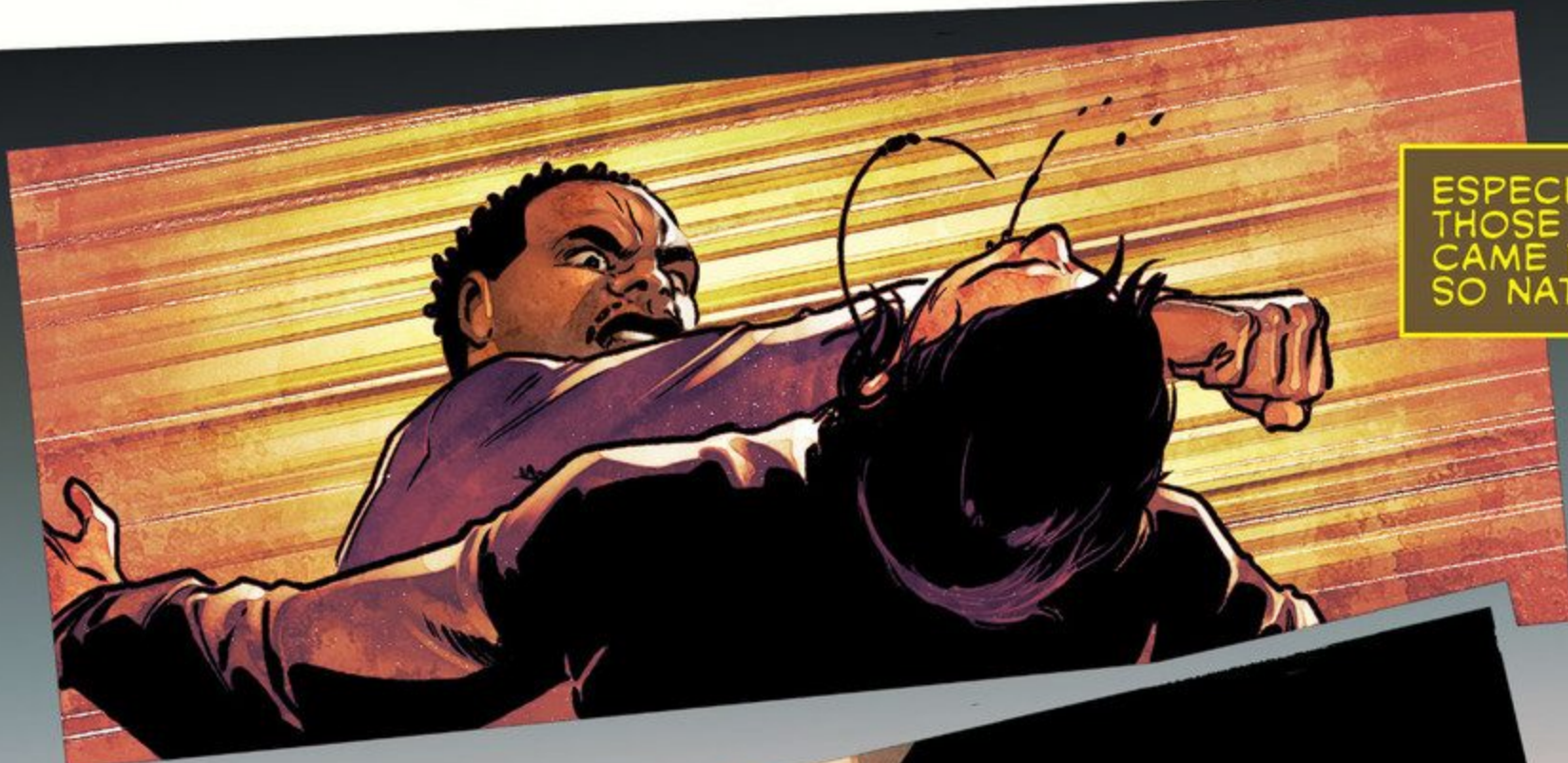


WHY DO YOU
THINK THE
MILITARY
MADE YOU A
TRAINED
KILLER?

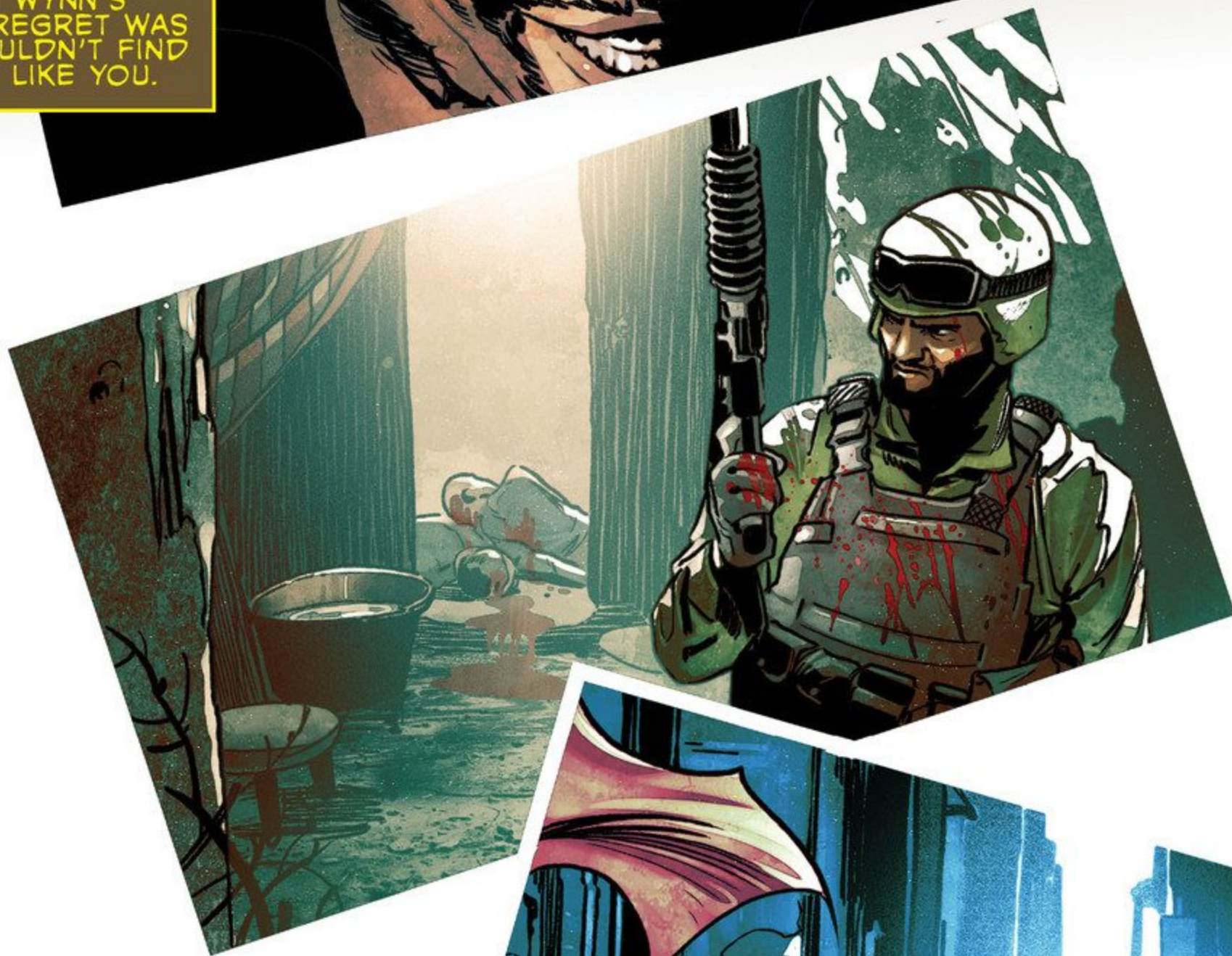
BECAUSE
MONSTERS
WERE
VALUABLE
TO THEM.



ESPECIALLY
THOSE WHO
CAME BY IT
SO NATURALLY.



JASON WYNN'S
ONLY REGRET WAS
HE COULDN'T FIND
MORE LIKE YOU.



THAT'S WHAT MADE YOU
SPECIAL. YOU WERE SO
GOOD AT WHAT YOU
DID. AND SO **RARE**.

THAT'S WHY HELL
RECRUITED YOU.





THEY KNEW IF THEY
TOOK THE ONE THING
THAT MATTERED IN YOUR
LIFE, YOU'D BE THEIRS.

AND ONCE THEY
OWNED YOU...

...THE ONLY
THING LEFT
TO DO...



...WAS RID
YOU OF
YOUR PAST.



TO PAINT OVER
THE BEAUTY
YOU'D FOUND...





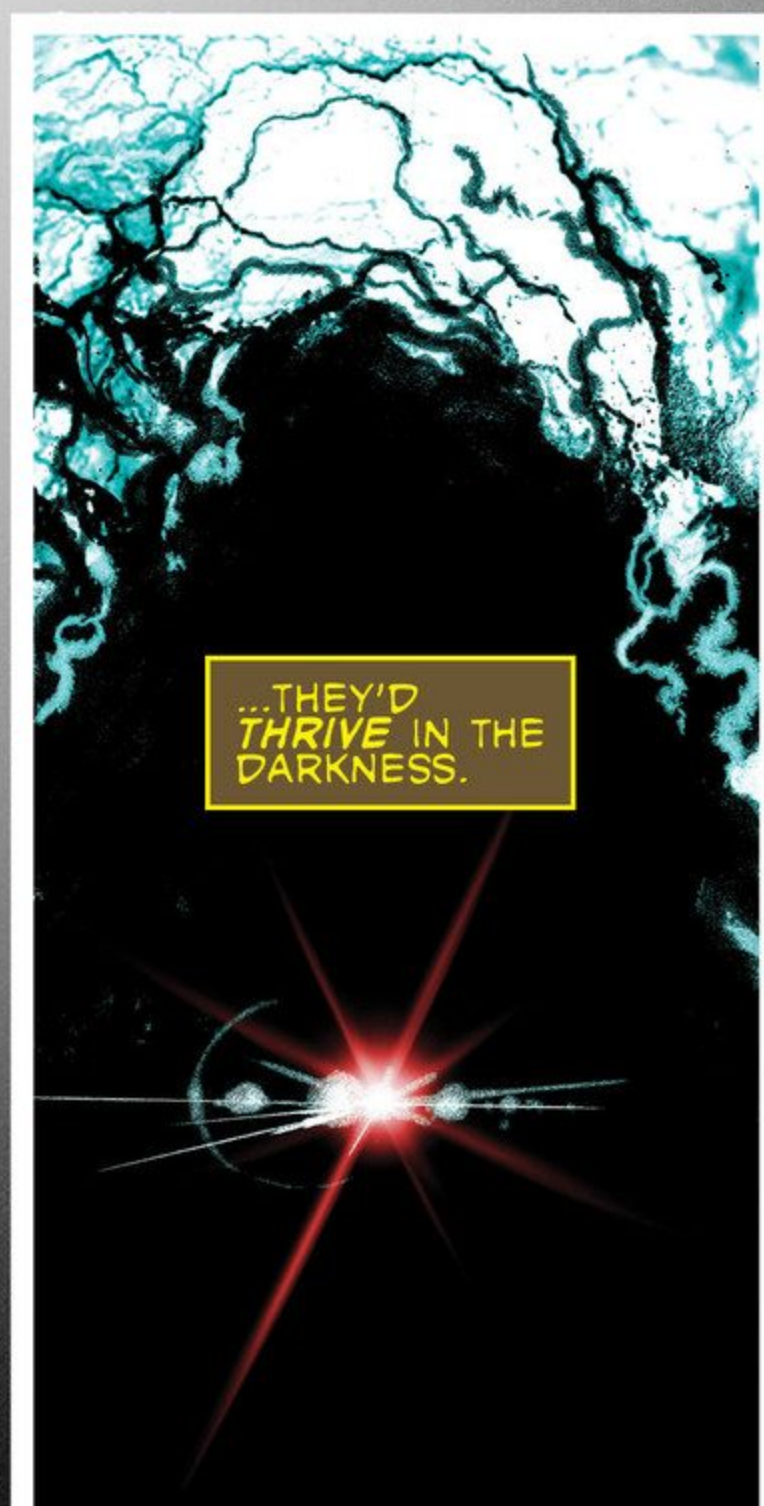
...AND RETURN
YOUR SOUL'S
CANVASS TO THE
UGLINESS IT HAD
ALWAYS BEEN.

THAT'S
WHY YOU
WERE
CHOSEN.
HELL
NEEDED
ANOTHER
HUMAN.

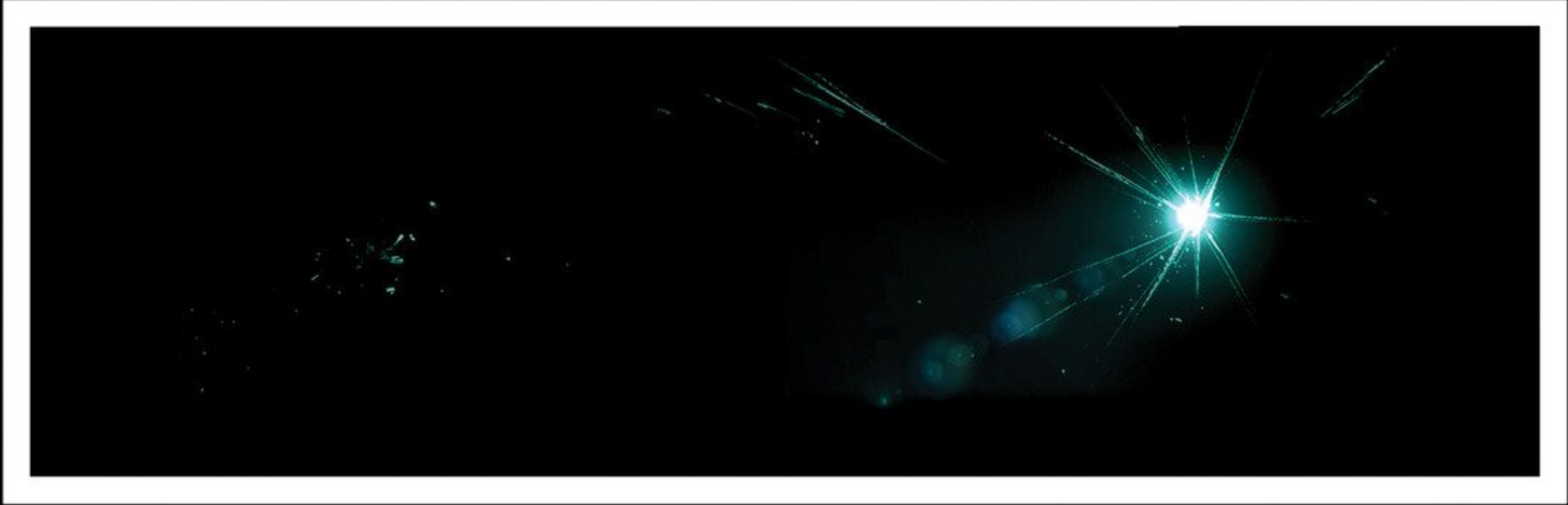
ANOTHER
HELLSPAWN.



ONE WHO'S
HEART WAS
SO BLACK...



...THEY'D
THRIVE IN THE
DARKNESS.



KOOM



BUT AL
SIMMONS HAS
LEARNED...



...THOUSANDS OF
THINGS THRIVE IN THE
BLACKNESS OF HELL.





YOUR KIND
SHOULDN'T
BE HERE.



THIS SPACE
BELONGS TO THE
'FORBIDDEN'.



SYMBIOTES
WERE BANNED
LONG AGO.

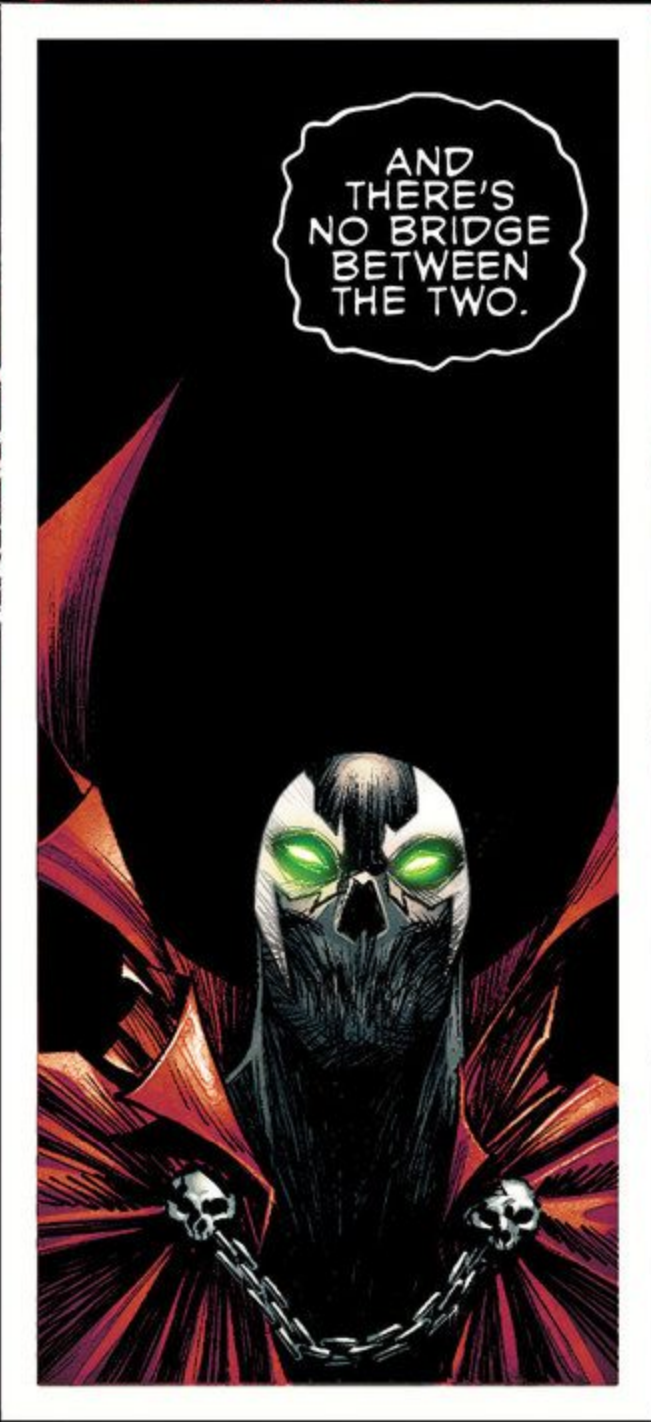
WHY
HAVE YOU
BROKEN THE
TREATY?

BECAUSE
YOU KNOW WE
MUST TERMINATE
YOU NOW.

HELL'S
THRONE.

POINT
ME IN ITS
DIRECTION
AND I'LL BE
GONE.

IS THIS A
TRICK?!



SPAWN WILLS HIMSELF TO
STAND TALL AS THE HELLISH
BEAST OOZES FORWARD.

THAT...
SMELL?

YOU'RE
NOT PURE.
YOU'RE A
HALF-
BREED.

HOW
DO I GET
OUT OF
HERE?



YOU
CAN'T.

IF I
DIE HERE,
SO WILL
YOU.

YOUR
LANGUAGE IS
NOT FROM HELL, IS
IT? YOU'RE SOME TYPE
OF HUMAN, AREN'T YOU?
WE'D HEARD MALEBOLGIA
WAS USING YOUR KIND.
PLEASE, I NEED TO
KNOW WHY HE
CHOSE YOU?

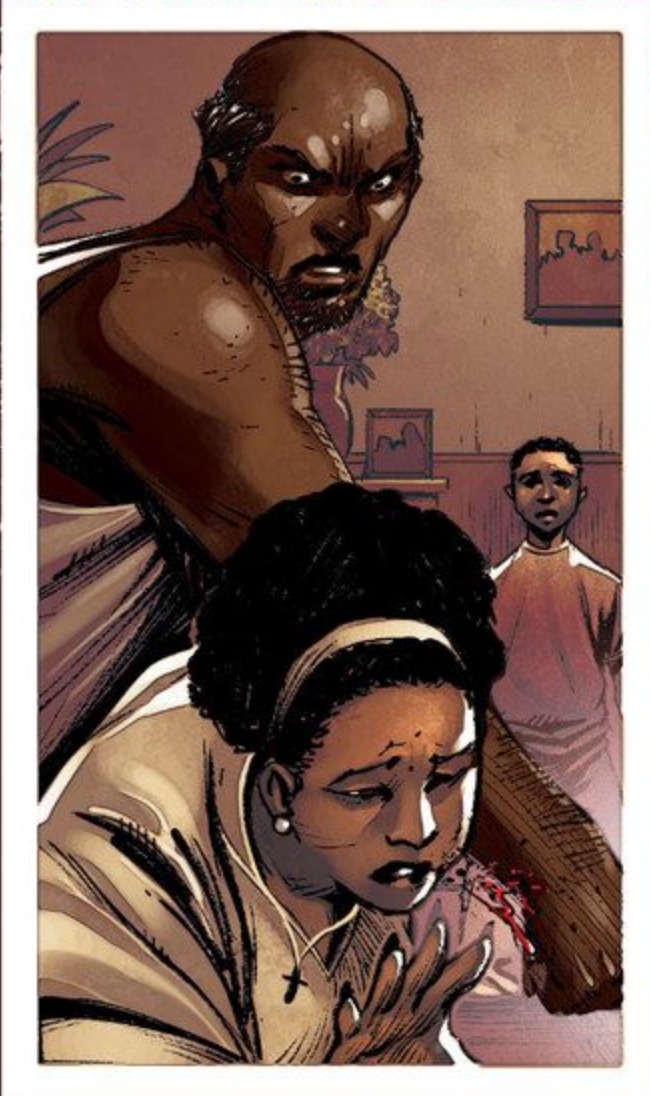
I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOU WANT.

OF
COURSE,
YOU DO, HUMAN.
CARING IS
YOUR SPECIES'
GREATEST
FLAW.

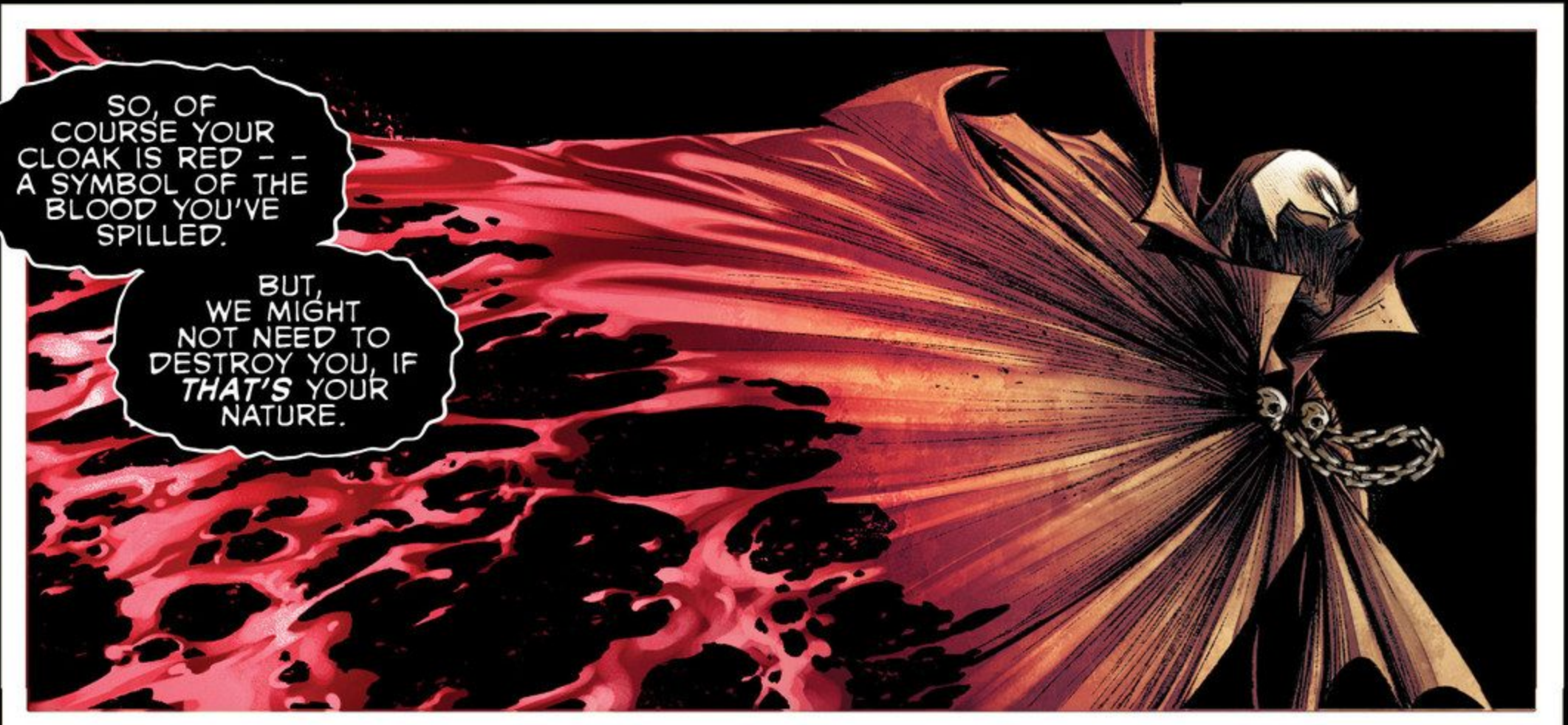


THAT'S WHY YOU WANT THE THRONE. YOU THINK YOU CAN PROTECT OTHERS.

SPAWN'S MIND EXPLODES.

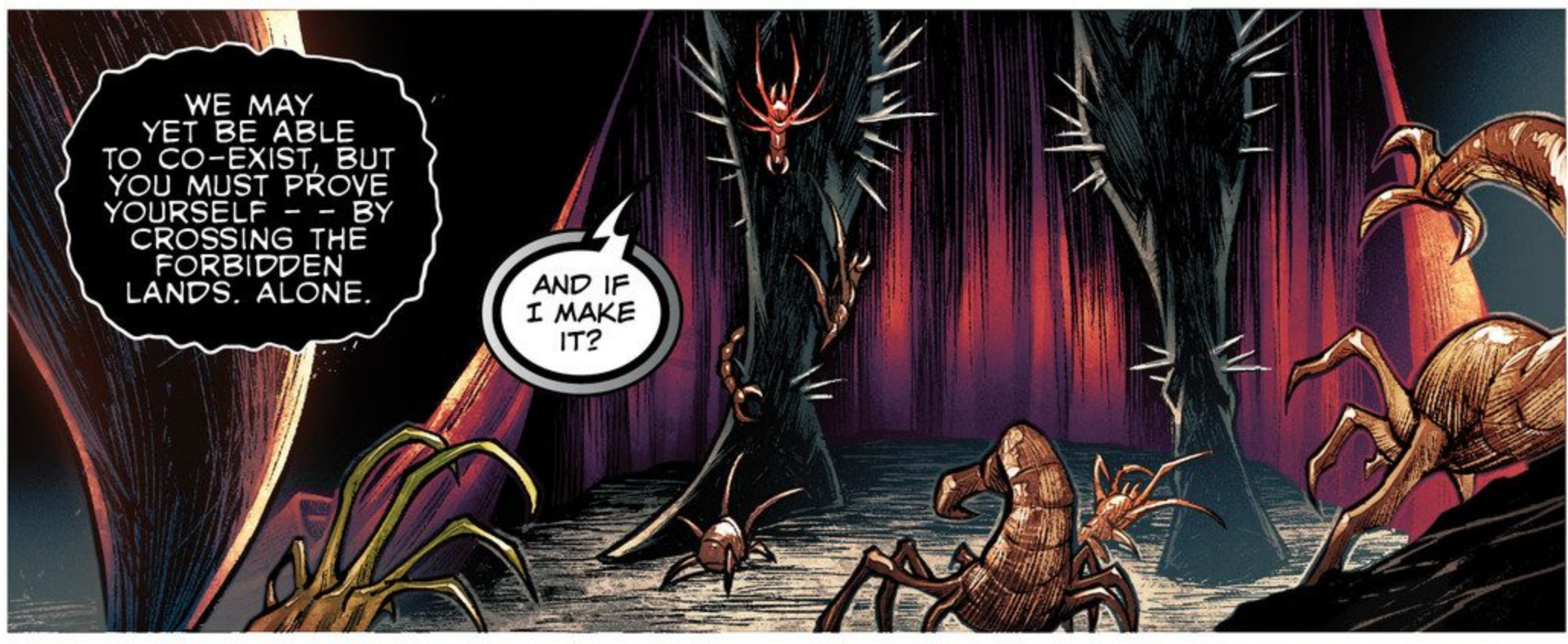


HOW? YOU COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT YOUR OWN CIRCLE.



SO, OF COURSE YOUR CLOAK IS RED -- A SYMBOL OF THE BLOOD YOU'VE SPILLED.

BUT, WE MIGHT NOT NEED TO DESTROY YOU, IF THAT'S YOUR NATURE.



WE MAY
YET BE ABLE
TO CO-EXIST, BUT
YOU MUST PROVE
YOURSELF -- BY
CROSSING THE
FORBIDDEN
LANDS. ALONE.

AND IF
I MAKE
IT?



YOU'D
BE THE
FIRST.



BUT KNOW,
WE'VE NOT
SEEN A
CREATURE
DRENCHED
SO DEEPLY
IN YOUR
COLOR.

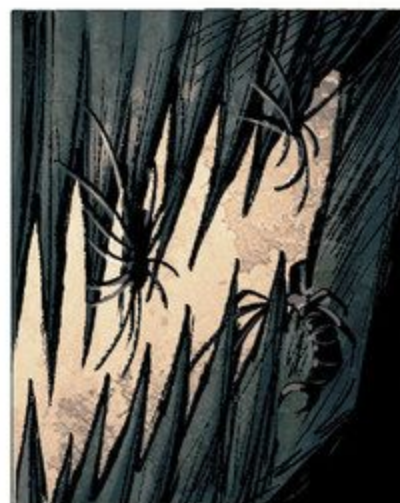
THERE
MUST ALSO
BE, LIKE
YOUR CLOAK,
A **RED-**
HOT RAGE
BURNING
INSIDE
YOU.



THAT,
WE CAN
USE.

THE THRONE,
CAN YOU GUIDE
ME TO IT?

NO. YOU
DO THAT
YOURSELF.



TRUE
CREATURES OF
THE DARK KNOW
HOW TO NAVIGATE
IT.

SO, YOU
WANT TO BE
AND MOVE AMONGST
US MONSTERS, SHOW
US YOU CAN
BE ONE.

IMAGINE HOW
RARE YOU WERE TO
HELL, SO BROKEN, SO
CAPABLE OF VIOLENCE, SO
OBEDIENT...ALL IN THE SAME
BODY. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN
MAGNIFICENT IN YOUR PRIME,
BUT - - YOU'RE HUMAN AND
THAT WILL ALWAYS BE
YOUR DOWNFALL.

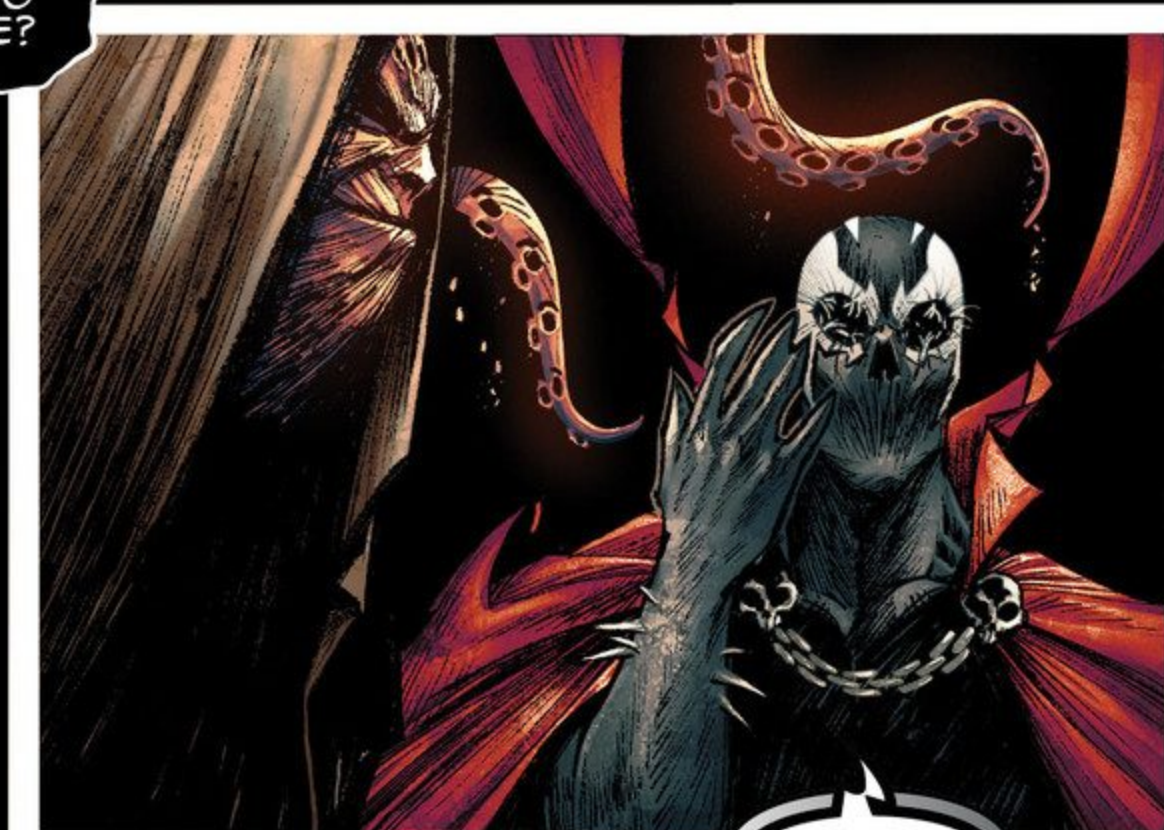


MALEBOLGIA
NEVER UNDER-
STOOD THAT.
WE DID.

SO, YOU
WANT OUR HELP,
LET THE INSECTS BLIND
YOU. BURROW INTO YOUR
MIND AND SHOW YOU
THE ONLY PATH TO YOUR
SURVIVAL IS THROUGH
DARKNESS.



RAISE
YOU HAND.
WHAT DO
YOU SEE?

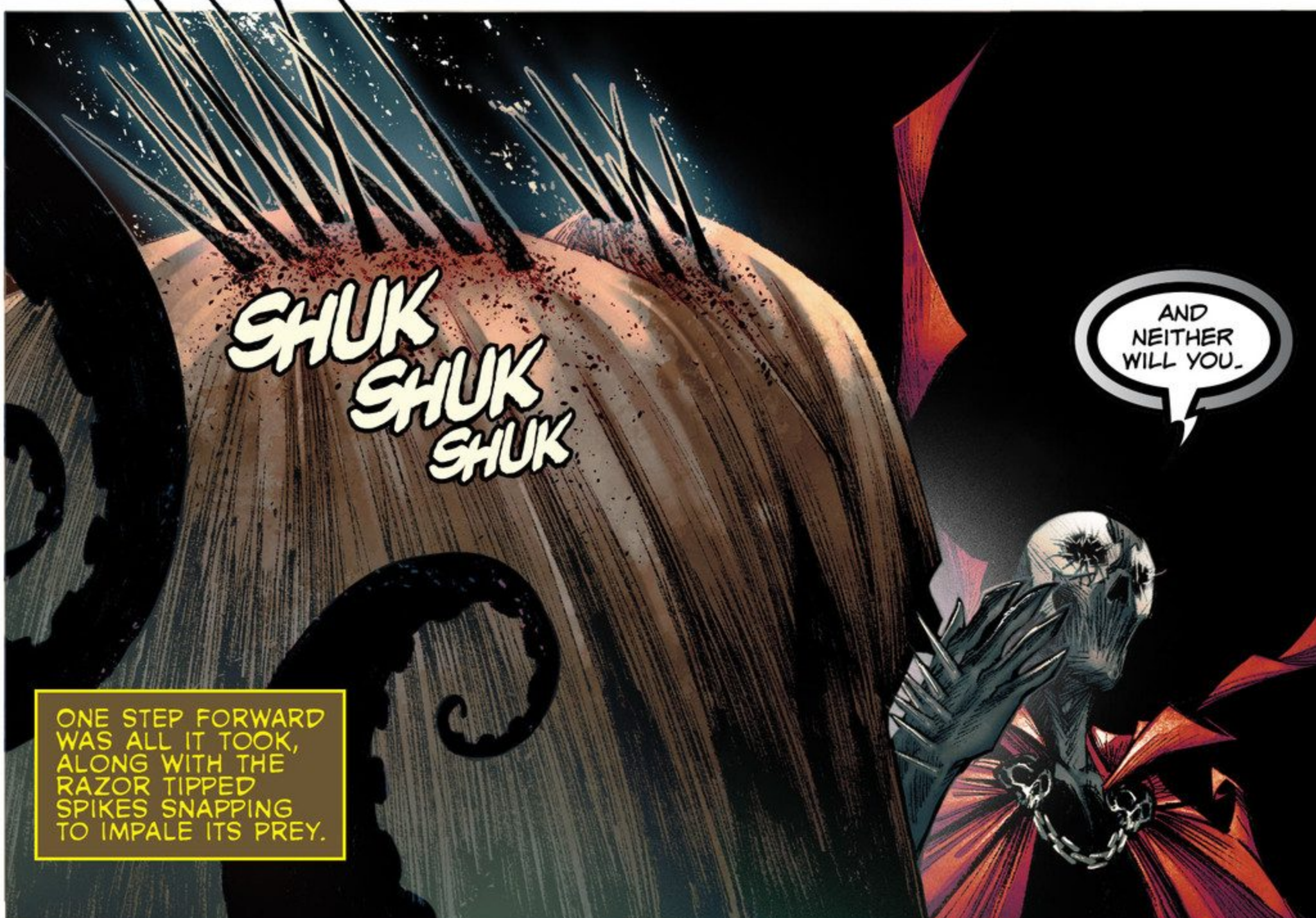


NOTHING.

SHUK
SHUK
SHUK

AND
NEITHER
WILL YOU.

ONE STEP FORWARD
WAS ALL IT TOOK,
ALONG WITH THE
RAZOR TIPPED
SPIKES SNAPPING
TO IMPALE ITS PREY.



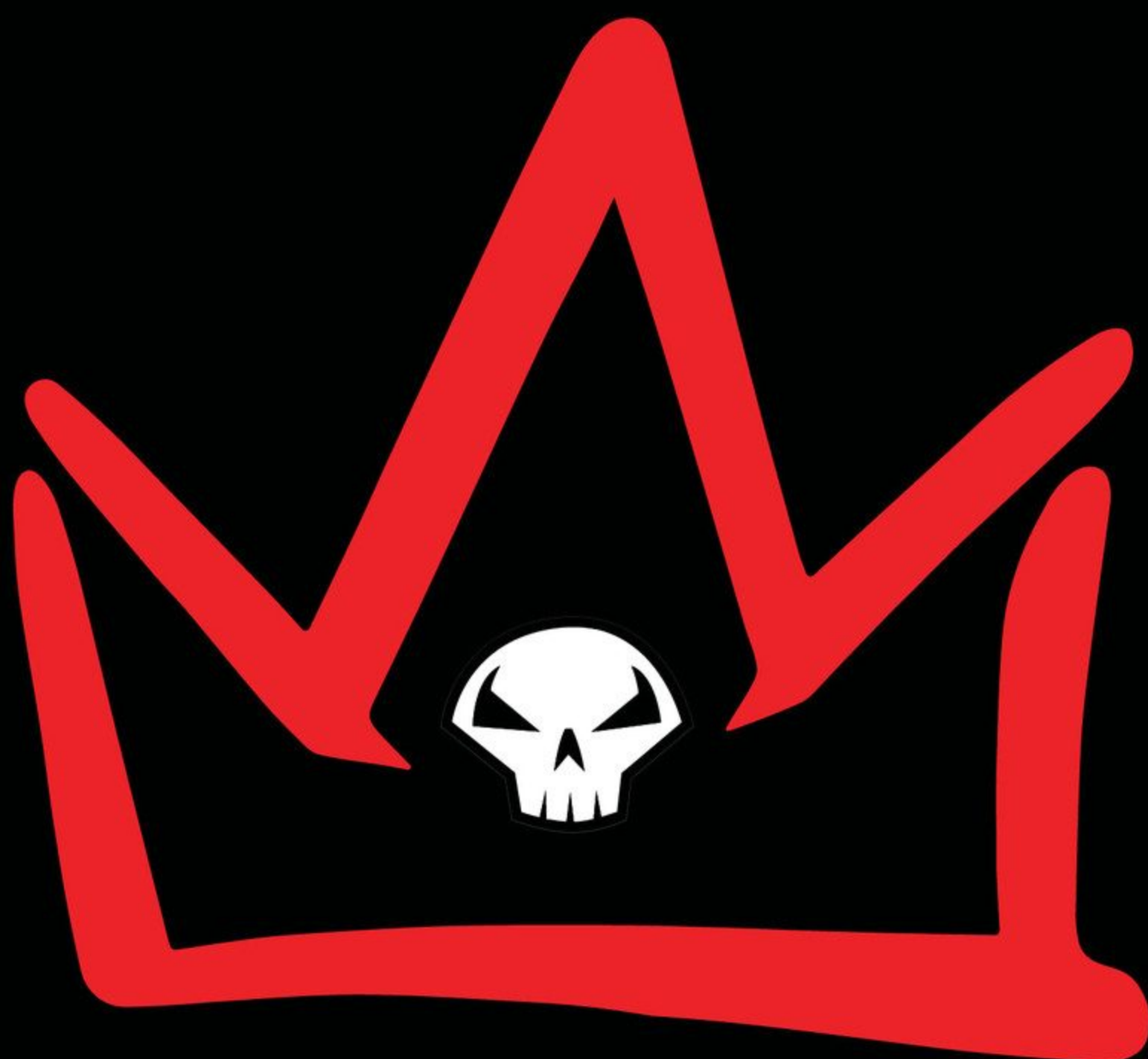


THAT'S IT,
SCREAM!

LET THEM
KNOW I'M HERE
AND WHAT I'VE
DONE TO YOU!

AND I
HOPE THEY
ALL COME, SO
I CAN SHOW
THEM...

SHOW
THEM I'LL SURVIVE!
BECAUSE, LIKE THEM...
I'M A MONSTER!
AND I'VE BEEN ONE FOR
A LONG, LONG
TIME.



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hello. My 11-year-old son, George, is a big fan of Spawn and has drawn a picture for your fan art page. Many thanks!

-HEATHER G



Heather, thanks for sending in George's Spawn art. He has a lot of talent! One day, he just might be doing covers for us.

-THOMAS

I just got done reading King Spawn 24, and all I can say is Wow. The art alone is absolutely fantastic. Full pages of action with characters that just jump off the page. The two-page shot of Spawn fighting his foes was truly jaw-dropping. Also, the last page, with the close-up of Clown with his face partially obscured, has got to be the coolest shot of Clown I have ever seen. And that's saying something, considering I've been reading Spawn since 1992. The stories in King Spawn, Spawn, Gunslinger, and Scorched just keep building, with the stakes getting bigger and bigger. In addition to top-notch art and stories, I wanted to thank Todd and the rest of the Spawn team for keeping the books at \$2.99. These books have by far the best quality of paper and cardstock covers of any books on the stands. In closing, thank you for the great stories and the best-quality of books on the stands. Please keep the excellent books coming. Stay safe, and God Bless.

-RICHARD P from Alabama

Richard, thank you for being such a loyal reader for all these years. It is always a pleasure to hear from a fan who has been through all of Spawn's history, the series's ups and downs, and all of the fantastic creative teams that have come and gone. I am glad you're enjoying the three newest books as well. We announced a few more new titles at San Diego Comic-Con this year, and with New York Comic-Con coming next week for me, I will be announcing a few more awesome series. Hopefully, we will have a book for all types of comic fans to enjoy. And all for still only \$2.99!

-THOMAS

My name is Hunter Hoeltke, from Orlando FL. I am 15 years old. My dad introduced me to your Spawn comics, and I love them. He bought me a blank cover, and here's my sketch. Hope you like it. Keep up the great work!

-HUNTER



Hey, Hunter! Thanks for sending in the picture of your Sketch Cover! It came out great! I hope this isn't your last one to draw Spawn on. Keep up the great work!

-THOMAS



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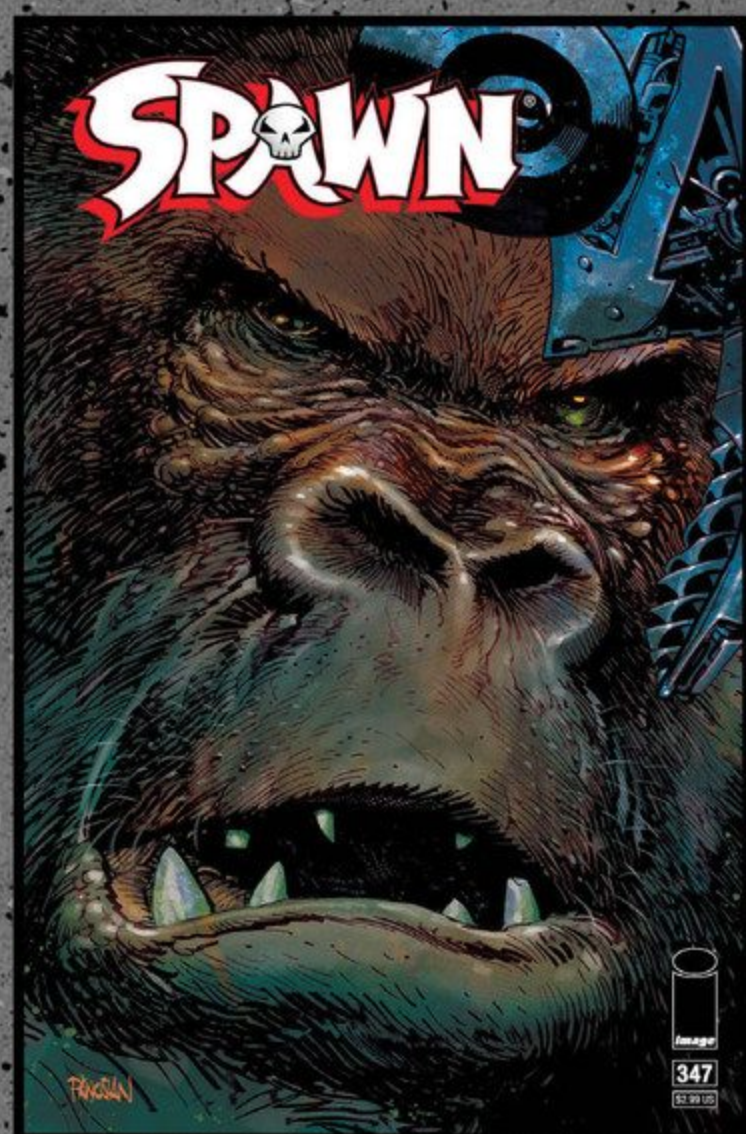
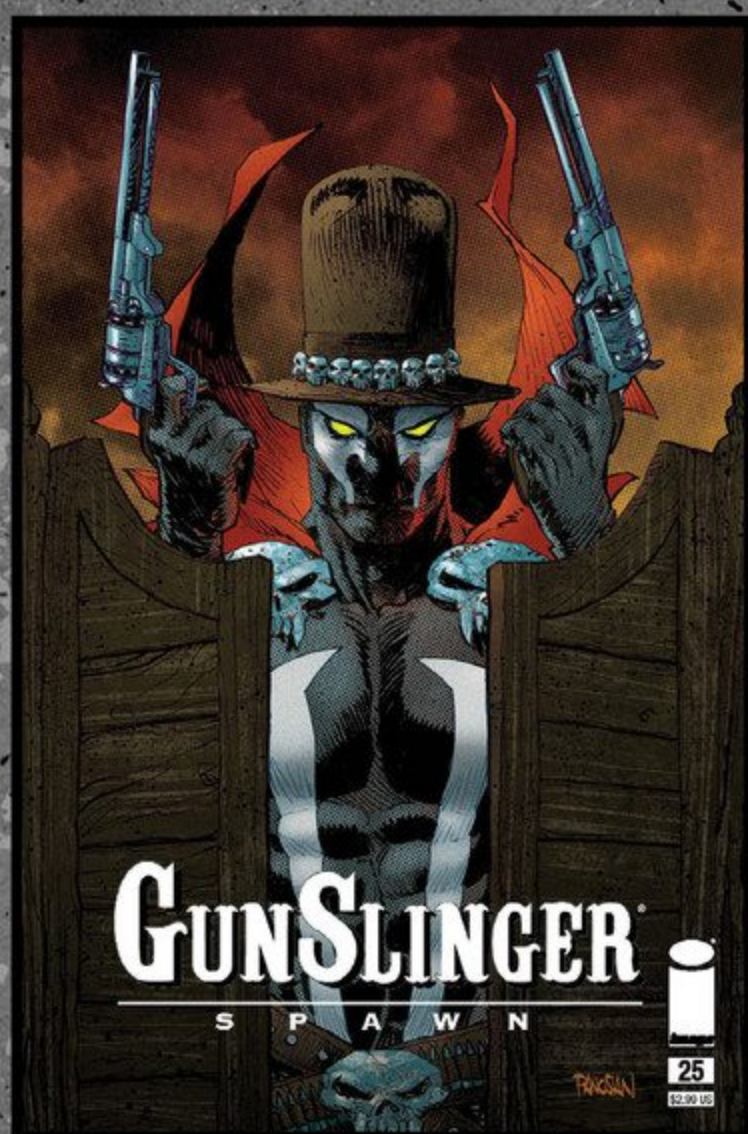
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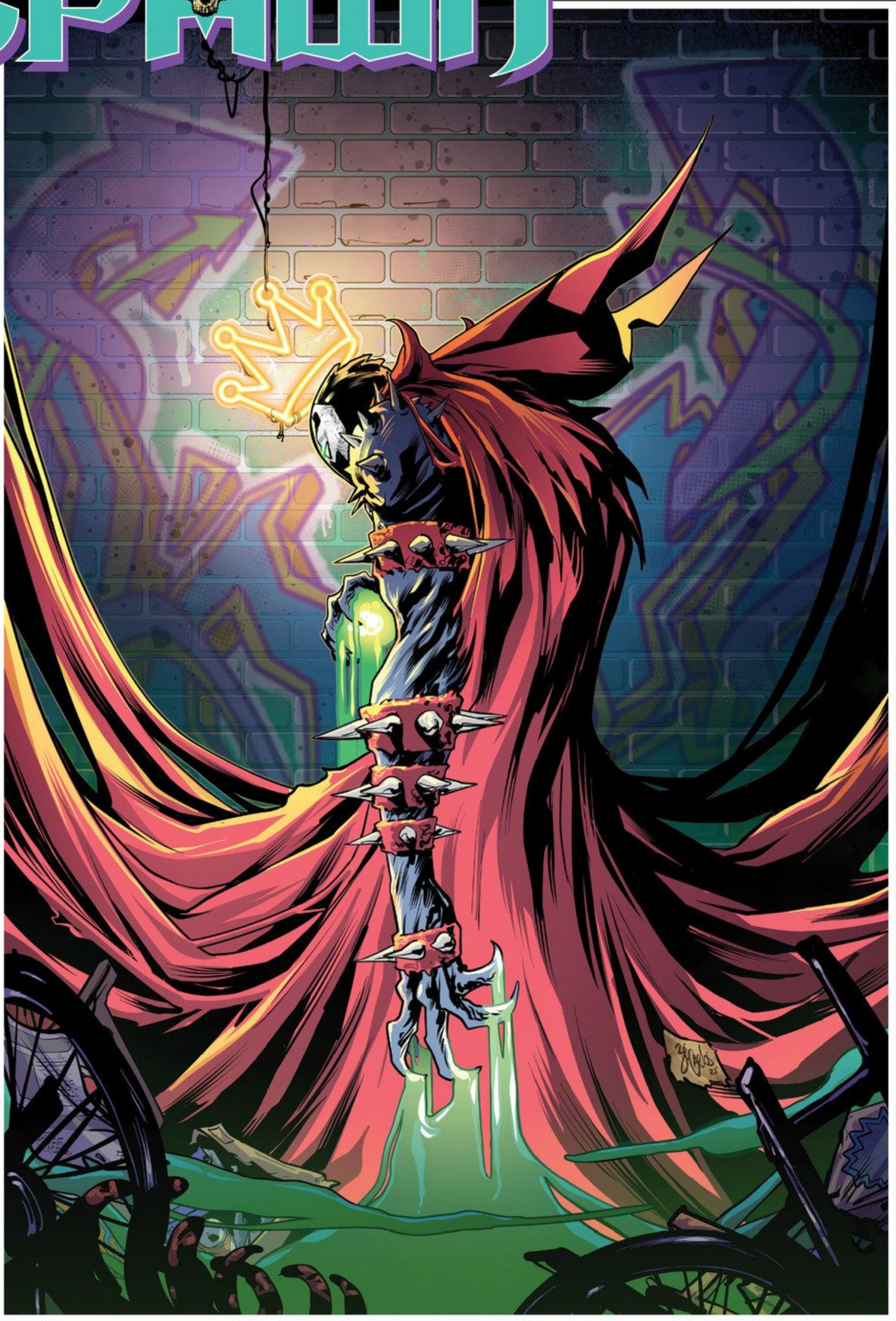


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